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La Porte Education Foundation welcomes new directors

The La Porte Education Foundation welcomed five new members to its Board of Directors during the 2009-2010 school year.

New directors include Randy Boeding, Johnna Bowen, Helen Crowder, Julie Spears and Debbie Wade.

The mission of the La Porte Education Foundation is to enhance education by funding innovative, creative instructional projects for students and teachers in La Porte schools. Directors of the Foundation include representatives from local businesses and industries as well as community members.

Officers for the 2009-2010 school year include Robin Vest, president; Bob Barger, president elect and vice president of finance; and Rick Ewan, past president and vice president for Board governance. Other vice presidents include Steve Skarke, programs; Bob Pizzitola, fundraising; Charlcya Wheeler, community engagement; Barbara Matuszak, publicity; and Michael Barry, Blue Ribbon. Kathy Booth serves as secretary, and Stephen Barr serves as treasurer.

Other current directors include Bill Baker, Gayden Cooper, Herman W. Glasco, Jim Griffin, Barbara Jenks, Gloria Lair, Debra Machemehl, Bob Murphy, Paula Swearingen, and Paul Vallone. Ex-officio members include Lloyd Graham, La Porte ISD superintendent; Charlcya Wheeler, LPISD trustee; and Terri Cook, executive director.